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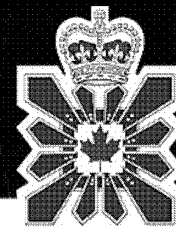
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Item: Cultural appropriation and the Freedom Convoy

Director, this item is further to discussions on this subject with s.38

Background / What

Over the past several days, open information has noted the presence of “Indigenous” peoples at the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa. This includes claims by individuals representing previously unheard of groups, and others claiming to be “Indigenous” but who are not recognized, or in some cases, even known by first nations or the broader Indigenous community.

While the ongoing protest in Ottawa likely has drawn some Indigenous supporters, with one of the organizers claiming to be Metis, there does not appear to be any organized support for the convoy at this time.

Assessment / So What

In discussion with partners, CSIS assesses that most of these claims constitute some form of cultural appropriation and represent attempts by little-known individuals to connect with the broader anti-government and public health measures movement, or to gain financially.

CSIS assesses that the longer the Ottawa protest lasts, the greater the potential for fringe elements within the broader anti-government and public health measures movements to travel to Ottawa.

Despite the lack of concerted Indigenous support for the Ottawa protest, any law enforcement response must be culturally sensitive in an effort to negate any backlash from the broader Indigenous community.

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s.38 (TS//CEO)

Item: s.38 efforts in relation to coverage on the Freedom Convoy

Background / What

On January 27th, s.38 initiated a review of s.38
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Assessment / So What

To date s.38 efforts have resulted in s.38
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CTD and OR have been very pleased with the s.38 with OR
noting, that at many times s.38 were the s.38
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Actions / What Next

s.38 continues to provide daily summaries of coverage, as required, including during off hours.

s.38 notes that during this event, it has been made clear, s.38
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